DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Generic Clearance for Reviewer Recruitment Forms

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation,

Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families

(ACF) proposes to extend approval of the existing

overarching generic clearance for Reviewer Recruitment

Forms (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0477).

No changes are proposed to the terms of the overarching generic.

DATES: Comments due within 60 days of publication. In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comments on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The overarching generic clearance for Reviewer Recruitment Forms provides ACF with the opportunity to collect from potential reviewers, such as those who review grant proposals, conference proposals, research/evaluation plans, study designs, report drafts, and/or other ACF materials.

ACF developed this generic because each program office and within ACF has slightly different needs for information about reviewer applicants based on the specific activities for which reviewers are needed, yet the individual forms submitted under the generic will serve an identical function. The overarching purpose is to select qualified reviewers for ACF review processes and activities based on professional qualifications. Information will be collection through questions on forms and documents provided by candidates. Example documents include writing samples and curriculum vitae and/or resume. ACF uses the information collected to recruit well-qualified reviewers with relevant background experience and knowledge. The abbreviated clearance process of the generic clearance allows program offices to gather a suitable pool of candidates within the varied time periods available for reviewer recruitment.

These forms submitted under this generic will be voluntary, low-burden and uncontroversial.

Respondents: Individuals who may apply to review materials for ACF.

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	No. of	No. of	Avg.	Total
	Respondents	Responses	Burden per	Burden
	(total over	per	Response	(in
	request	Respondent	(in hours)	hours)
	period)	(total over		
		request		
		period)		
Reviewer Recruitment	3000	1	.5	1500
Form	3000			1 100

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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